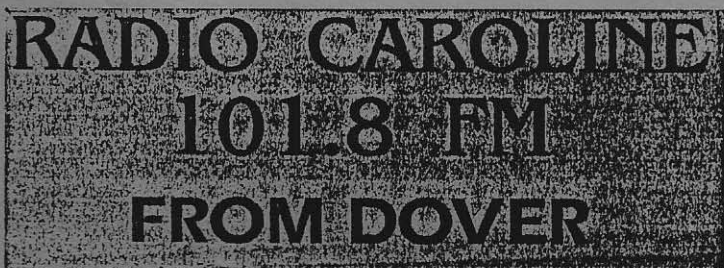


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LATE LOGS

Psycho Radio: 10/7-0224-6955-USB. (ZR,CA 333)
Radio Free Euphoria: 10/8-0251-6950-USB. (ZR,CA 334)

FROM ACROSS THE POND

Alfa Lima International-Hoogeveen, The Netherlands

Nov.12-0113-0116-6293-AM. OM tx w/disco/techno mx in the background. (RC,MA 242 hrd in Maine.)

UNID

Nov.1-0240-6274.9-AM. Very weak OM/YL talk & some mx. (ZR,CA 122)

NORTH AMERICA-SHORTWAVE

Betty Boo Radio-Providence, RI

Nov.1-0210-0247-6950.6-USB. Replay of sn's Halloween show from last year. (JS,NE 423) (ZR,CA 222)

Fake Radio Three-QLS via loggings

Oct.21-0236-0313*-6950-LSB. Pgm w/Sal Ammoniac imitator & mx. (GM,CT 434) (LS,OH 454 as tent. PLS QSL)

Fight For Free Radio-sd to report to FRN website

Nov.18-2342-2355+-6950-USB. On after Radio Azteca w/OM complaining that FRN moderator Pat Murphy censors the forum, song "Let Freedom Ring", sd will QSL logs posted to FRN. (CL,MA 343)

Ground Zero Radio-announced new drop of PO Box 69, Elkm, NE 68022

Oct.28/29-2345-0020+-6955-AM. Halloween show w/mx by Ozzy Osbourne & Motley Crue, tx abt pentagrams. (GZ,OH 242+) (JS,NE 433+ great stuff!)

Oct.29-2244-2256+-6953-USB. Replay of Halloween show. (GM,CT 434) (JS,NE)

KIPM-announced new drop of Po Box 69, Elkm, NE 68022

Oct.28-0150-0240*-6955-USB. Sort of an IS of minor key instrumental mx played around multiple IDs, theme song from Outer Limits TV show, long & elaborate sketches. (GZ,OH 252) (WH,IL 144) (JS,NE 434)

Oct.28-0311+-6955-USB. Replay of 10/28, 0150 UTC show. (JS,NE 434)

Oct.28-0500-0545-6955-USB. Pgm abt being kidnapped by women & xerox copies made of OM. (WH,IL 143)

Oct.28-0553-0638-6955-USB. Host Alan Maxwell w/show "War Hounds". (WH,IL 142)

Oct.28-0648-6955-USB. Replay of 10/28, 0500 UTC show. (WH,IL 142)

Oct.29-0022-0045-6955-USB. Pgm "Saturday Dance Parade". (JS,NE) (ZR,CA 444)

Oct.29-0057-0144-6950-USB. Replay of "The Dead Zone". (JS,NE 544+)

Oct.29-0150-0240-6955-USB. Skit on the "Aphrodisiac Bomb". (GM,CT 333) (WH,IL 144) (JS,NE) (ZR,CA 444)

Oct.29-0242-0310+-6950-USB. OM tx abt interaction w/YL, long sketch over Bolero mx. (GZ,OH 242+) (JS,NE 444) (ZR,CA 445)

Oct.29-0338-0440-6955-USB. Replay of "Electro Magnetic Church". (JS,NE) (ZR,CA 444)

KMART-

Oct.21-*1504-1516*-5955-USB. Pgm of very old rock mx w/OM anncr, sd a division of Blind Faith Radio. (GZ,OH 252+)

KMUD-unsure if QSL's

Nov.7-0058-0131-6950.9-AM.Mx & CW IDs. (ZR,CA 222)

Nov.8-0031-0200+-6950.7-AM. Usual eclectic mx. (ZR,CA 222)

Nov.9-0043-0220+-6950.6-AM. Usual stuff. (ZR,CA 122)

Mustang 131-QSL info unknown

Oct.22-0630-0800+-27205-AM (CB channel 20). Well produced but hateful pgm, sd from Jersey shores, very racist songs like "Coon Town" & "Ho's In The House", left air at times to take requests on frequency, good fidelity w/non-CB equipment. (WH,IL 254)

Omega Radio-Moline, MI

Oct.22-1801-1838-21860-USB. Pgm featuring Satanic high priest discussing pagan traditions associated w/Halloween. (JS,NE great signal!)

Psycho Radio-QSL info unknown

Oct.21-0320-0353+-6955-USB. Audio test then programming. (LS,OH 353 PLS QSL)

Oct.22-0221-0228*-6955-USB. Mainly a pgm of rock mx w/some talk by OM, QSO's w/other ops after show. (GZ,OH 353+)

Oct.22-*0235-0309*-6955-USB. Similar to above, sd also on 88.3 FM. (GZ,OH 353+) (WH,IL 254)

Oct.22-1301-1456*-6955-USB. Marathon brdcast of rock mx & some sketches & parody ads. (GZ,OH 454) (LS,OH 353 PLS QSL)

Oct.23-0131-0147+-6955-USB. Mx & many IDs. (LS,OH 454 PLS QSL)

Oct.27-0149-0234-6955-USB. Talk & music. (ZR,CA 433)

Oct.30-0030-0057+-6955-USB. Brdcast to "warm up" for Halloween. (JS,NE) (ZR,CA 222)

Radio Azteca-Belfast, NY

Nov.18-*2312-2342*-6950-USB. Anncr Bram Stoker w/pgm #38. (CL,MA 454 nice copy!)

Radio Bobsled (tent.)-QSL info unknown

Oct.22-0200-0209-6955-USB. British comedy bit, muffled audio. (WH,IL 143)

Radio Neptune-Blue Ridge Summit, PA

Oct.29-0438-0521-6955v-USB. Show #5 w/mx by Robert Plant, song "Going Mobile", sd glad to be brdcasting in North America, dedicated a tune to Radio Zodiac in Britain. (JS,NE difficult copy)

Radio Nonsense-unsure if still QSL's

Oct.22-1513-1545+-6955-USB. Mx by Johnny Cash, The Eagles, ad for "Batman & Buttface". (JS,NE tough copy)

Spook Radio-QSL info unknown

Nov.1-0226-0227-6955-USB. Just a brief announcement. (ZR,CA 333)

Voice Of Captain Ron Shortwave- captainronswr@yahoo.com

Oct.29-2250-2325*-6953-USB. Captain Ron w/Halloween pgm, sd live brdcast in middle of the woods, rock mx & sfx, QRT in mid-sentence. (CL,MA 232) (GM,CT 333) (JS,NE 211+)

WDRR-Belfast, NY

Oct.28-1747-1833-21860.1-USB. Relay of old Halloween pgm featuring mx & ads from the 1950's. (JS,NE)

WHYP- whyp1530@yahoo.com

Oct.21-*0015-0047*-6950.1-AM. (tent.) Solid AM signal w/rock mx & what seemed to be James Brownyard noises. (GZ,OH 454)

Oct.27/28.*2154-0043*-6954.8-AM. Halloween pgm w/long War Of The World sketch "Zeller Mash" to the tune of "Monster Mash". (GZ,OH 454) (GM,CT 242) (JS,NE good show!)

Oct.29-0047-0137*-6955-USB. Replay of 10/27,2354 UTC pgm. (GZ,OH 242+) (WH IL 144) (JS,NE) (ZR,CA 433 as unid)

Nov.5-0200+-6955-USB. New version of "Hotel JTA". (ZR,CA 334)

WLOW-sd report to ACE & FRN website

Oct.21-1434-1459*-6955-USB. OM w/test brdest saying he will QSL 100% reports to ACE & FRN site,several rock songs & announcements that pgm was live from the streets of New York City.interview w/William Kennard of the FCC,used slogan of "Big Dick Radio". (GZ,OH 242+)

WMFQ-Providence,RI

Nov.7-0147-0157-6945-USB. Phil Collins mx. (ZR,CA 333)

Nov.9-0235-0310+-6950.2-USB. Rolling Stones mx & usual stn IDs. (JS,NE) (ZR,CA 333)

Nov.11-0129-0155*-6950-USB. Usual IDs & mx by Buddy Holly,Genesis. (GM,CT 545)

WOOD-QSL info unknown

Oct.22-0100-0300+-6975.8v-AM. Tunes: "Georgia", "Pencil Neck Geek",sd "WOOD Radio,you got WOOD",muffled audio. (WH,IL 142)

UNIDENTIFIED

Oct.22-0220-0230-6955-USB. Rap mx. (WH,IL 254)

Oct.22-1510-1530?-6955-AM. Played a few songs incl. "Hotel CA" by The Eagles. (LS OH 252 PLS QSL)

Oct.22-2130-2142*-6955-AM. Rooster/crow calls,mx,possible IDs @ 2133 & 2141 sounded like "2000",ID just before QRT was preceeded by a gong. (LS,OH 453 PLS QSL.)-maybe K 2000? (JF)

Oct.25-0013-0021-6955-USB. Mx by Moody Blues,The Eagles,CCR. (JS,NE PLS QSL)

Oct.27-0117-0135-6954.9-USB. Hrd Phil Collins mx. (ZR,CA 333)

Oct.31-0200-0208+-6955-USB. Instrumental mx. (ZR,CA 233)

Nov.1-0109-0140-6955-USB. Mx by Fleetwood Mac,Paul McCartney & The Pretenders. (ZR,CA 323)

Nov.8-0014-0045-6955-USB. Mx by The Who,ELO & Ringo. (ZR,CA 443)

Nov.9-0229-0250-6955-USB. Songs: "Dirty White Boy", "Get Off My Cloud", "Baby Go All The Way",OM anncr. (JS,NE PLS QSL) (ZR,CA 322)

Nov.10-0127-0130-6900-USB. Song "Mule Train". (JS,NE 544+ PLS QSL.)

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DX NEWS OF INTEREST

Important Note!: ACE member Lee Reynolds is taking over the Dialogs column starting with the January 2001 issue. Please send your loggings/contributions to Lee via e-mail lreynolds@cyberportal.net or regular mail @ 53 Unity Springs Rd.,Lempster,New Hampshire (NH) 03605-3130. I've enjoyed putting together Dialogs for the ACE membership over the past five years but I no longer can find the free time to continue. I'm sure the regular contributors will keep the column alive by sending their logs in to Lee.

Happy Holidays & all the best in 2001! (JF)

Deadline for January 2001 Dialogs: December 20th



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NEXT COLUMN DEADLINE: December 19th.

Hi and welcome to the Christmas and New Year's Edition of VR. Hope all of you had a great Thanksgiving. Good to see more of you reporting and from the looks of things Ground Zero Radio has been sending out a lot of QSLs.

On to the QSL reports!

Bill Finn of PA almost kissed his Thanksgiving bird when he found a QSL from GROUND ZERO RADIO, card #2 in 10.5 months from T.P.

John McWilliams of Mechanicsburg, PA got so excited he ate all of the cranberry sauce when the mailman brought him a QSL from RADIO BEAVER, QSL #331 in 469 days signed by Bucky Beaver, a card #7 from THE SCREAM OF THE MOSQUITO in 6 days from Captain Buzzy and QSL #24 from GROUND ZERO RADIO in 81 days signed by Texas Pete.

Chris Smolinski of Westminster, MD ate a whole box of candy when he found a nice full data mushroom cloud card #18 from Texas Pete of GROUND ZERO RADIO in about 3 months.

Bud Stacey of Satsuma, AL almost voted for Al Gore when he found a GROUND ZERO RADIO QSL in his mailbox in 2 months after posting a report on the web.

Have a Blessed Christmas and Happy New Year!



RADIO SPARKS

IT'S COOL MAN



CLANDESTINE PROFILE

by George Zeller

Your loggings, information, and speculations about clandestine radio stations are always very welcome for this column. You can send them direct to your editor at 3492 West 123rd Street, Cleveland, Ohio 44111. Or, you can call (216) 941-3366 anytime, or else (216) 696-9077 between 1300-2145 UTC weekdays. E-mail input is welcome via my georgez@nacs.net address, with <http://www.nacs.net/~georgez> providing access to my web page.

UNUSUAL YEAR-END COLUMN

Once a year I have a problem with my schedule, since the deadline for ACE columns conflicts with a long trip that I take. This year we have that situation this month. I spent the first two weeks of November in Switzerland. Thus, our material this month is different from what we usually have. If you sent in clandestine loggings or information, rest assured that you will see them here in *The ACE* next month.

MEETING WITH ROLF HAENGGI

Occasionally in the past I have mentioned SHOC Radio in this column, with their site of <http://www.shoc.ch/> on the web. While I was in Switzerland I had the opportunity to meet with Rolf Haenggi, the main force behind this interesting company. Rolf is one of the world's top experts in digital mode decoding. He develops decoding and monitoring software, and he sells high end receivers to work with his software systems. His web site is very interesting, whether you are interested in utility station decoding or not.

Most of Rolf's work in the past has been with governments, but he does sell products to the general public. He has a close relationship with Joerg Klingenfuss, the other well known figure in European utility station monitoring. In fact, Rolf is an important guy on the worldwide shortwave scene, but few of us have ever heard of him.

Rolf says that he and others are presently working on the problem of decoding satellite data streams. These are heavily subject to packet transmissions, multiplexing, and other signal complexities that make them much more difficult to work with than we might be familiar with from dabbling in simple RTTY decoding.

What does this all have to do with clandestine broadcasting? Obviously a guy who does most of his marketing to government agencies worldwide is somebody to keep our eyes on from a clandestine radio perspective. I very much enjoyed my visit with Rolf, and I thank him for his hospitality. If John T. Arthur can figure out how to get his picture into the bulletin, we'll try to print it so that you know what Rolf looks like.



COLOMBIAN CIVIL WAR STILL HOT

Every week we hear additional news from the Colombian civil war. The very latest reports, widely printed in media, noted that a big battle was fought on November 17 between the leftist rebels and the Colombian government. The latest conflict ensued after the FARC (Revolutionary Armed Forces of Colombia) declared a "freeze" in its peace talks with the government. Press reports indicate that the rebels are currently trying to regain territory in Risaralda, a state in the western part of the country. The November 17 battle was in Pueblo Rico, a city about 150 miles from Bogota. This battle was not an isolated incident; we see news like this on a weekly basis.

This means that I ought to remind us about the FARC clandestine, which we have been discussing in *The ACE* during recent months. Reception of the FARC's Voz de la Resistencia always improves at this time of year with long winter darkness paths to North America. As we mentioned last month, the FARC clandestine has been active on 6261 kHz around 1100 UTC. Sometimes the frequency has been a little variable, moving down to the 6240 kHz vicinity, but most logs note them on 6261. Occasionally the Colombian government fires up a black clandestine jammer called El Pueblo Responde, so a cat and mouse game sometimes appears here. It's certainly worth checking around your local sunrise. This one is the only remaining pure clandestine station in the Western Hemisphere that is easily audible on shortwave in North America.

The news this month is that in *Clandestine Radio Watch* #57, relayed from Y Gaviria in ConDig #81, some broadcasts of La Voz de Resistencia - Bloque Oriental have been heard during late fall in the afternoon. He notes two different loggings in the 2145-2230* time period. Now that darkness comes early to eastern North America, this one could be a legitimate target for us. Has anybody been hearing this Colombian clandestine late in the afternoon, near sunset? The usual variable frequency of 6261 kHz is the place to look.

Finally, as reported by Y. Gaviria from the October 27 CLM as reprinted in DXLD #129, FARC is supposed to have a web site. You can try <http://farc.narod.ru/> if you'd like to check this out.

WHATEVER HAPPENED TO CAIMAN AND CID?

Some DXers, including a good fraction of ACE members, are occasionally nostalgic for the days when plenty of interesting clandestine fare was on the air each day from Western Hemisphere locations. A variety of anti-Castro clandestines were an important part of this

mix. Two of the best heard were Radio Caiman and La Voz del CID. Occasionally somebody inquires about whatever happened to these powerhouse stations.

Managing Editor Nick Grace, in the current edition of *ClandestineRadio.com*, says that "Radio Caiman and La Voz del CID (left the air) in 1994 after secret talks in Havana between the Cuban and American governments."

Surprisingly, Nick concludes that there might not be much difference between an Bush administration and a Gore administration in the field of clandestine radio. However, his gut feeling is that clandestine stations would probably be more prominent in the foreign policy of a Bush administration than they would if Gore were in the White House. His analysis and speculation is a very interesting article. You ought to check it out at <http://www.clandestineradio.com/oped.htm> on your internet dial.

ENGLISH LANGUAGE CLANDESTINE

Even a casual glance at clandestine loggings in any contemporary source causes the mind of some DXers to glaze over. The bulk of pure clandestine activity today is concentrated in Asia and the Middle East, with a smattering of Africans mixed in. An unfortunate consequence of this is that the days when English and Spanish programming could be heard on clandestine stations are largely in the past. There are a few exceptions, notably the Colombian activity discussed here this month. But, since few of us are able to understand eastern languages, the program content of most clandestines nowadays is almost impossible for the average DXer to decipher.

There is one other interesting exception, the Voice of Jammu Kashmir Freedom. CRW #57 contains a fistfull of loggings for this one, which includes an English segment around 1400 UTC when it is audible. Various bulletin sources were cited by CRW for this information, including S. Adolfsson in SW Bulletin, Hans Johnson and Dave Valko in CDX, and Victor Goonetilleke in Numero Uno. The station operates on 5101 kHz, with the transmitter usually nudging just a hair higher than this nominal frequency.

The unfortunate thing is that 1400 UTC is well into local daylight all over North America. Consequently, this station is a tough to impossible catch for most of us. The Valko and Johnson logs cited in CRW were from Hawaii. Victor lives in Sri Lanka as many Winter SWL Festival attendees will recall. But, for west coast ACE members, this one might not be out of the question. If you're hungry for English content on clandestine radio, this station is a good one to try for.

TEN TEC 340 RECEIVER

By now I assume that most of us have seen the new 2001 edition of *Passport to World Band Radio*. Earlier this year I mentioned in this column that I had acquired a new Ten Tec 340 DSP receiver. I also held off on saying too much about it, pending a detailed review of the receiver that appears in the brand new *Passport*. This book is of course widely available from shortwave retailers and bookstores everywhere, and also direct at <http://www.passband.com> from the publisher.

But, since my Swiss trip has fouled up the normal column schedule here this month, the time has arrived for me to say something about the new Ten Tec. This is a very high quality receiver, which fully implements DSP processing for all receiver functions. It is similar to the Watkins Johnson 8711, and in fact was designed to meet the same government specification that stimulated the WJ. (Note, the WJ HF-1000 has been discontinued, having been replaced by the virtually identical and much more expensive 8711).

You can read *Passport* for most of the juicy details and test measurements, but this receiver is certainly worthy of your consideration if your wallet can part with four thousand dollar bills with the expectation that you won't get much change back. The 340 has solved some of the problems that were inherent in the HF-1000 and the 8711. These fixed bugs include the provision of a standard audio output jack on the back panel, which the WJ receivers never have had. The quality of the demodulated audio is somewhat

better in the 340 than it is in the Watkins Johnson. The 340 is shielded, and thus is not subject to the various digital hash problems that have plagued consumer installations of the Watkins Johnson product since it was introduced. The 340 contains a selectable synchronous detector circuit, allowing either LSB or USB synch to be selected by the user. (The WJ lacks this altogether). The PBT circuit works in all non-FM modes on the 340, while the WJ permits PBT only in CW mode. The build quality of the buttons is better on the Ten Tec than has been the case with the WJ product. All in all, the Ten Tec is a receiver that should cause mouths to water throughout the DX hobby.

There are some files in the ointment, the most important of which are all covered in detail within the 2001 *Passport*. The worst of these is instability of the synchronous detector lock with weak signals. Other notable problems include the fact that the noise blanker is not yet implemented in the current version of the 340 software code. The range of both the PBT and notch circuits are only ± 2000 Hz, a disappointingly narrow constraint. A 9 kHz tuning step was inadvertently left out of the 340, a handicap for those who are DXing medium wave stations outside North America. The synchronous detector does not work with bandwidths narrower than 4 kHz, a very unfortunate quirk. The otherwise wonderful PBT circuit does not work with filters wider than 4 kHz, the exact opposite of the synch detector.

The good news is that Ten Tec has announced that they plan upgrades to the software code that will improve the DSP functions of the radio. I have found through direct communications with the company that they are even now actively working on these upgrades, although they do not have firm availability dates yet.

In any event, if you are writing to Santa Claus, you probably will want to make sure that he adds a Ten Tec 340 to your list. If Santa can't do it, your spouse can be encouraged to take his place. In three or four months of use, I can attest to the fact that you'll have a very hard time finding a better receiver for pirate and clandestine DXing.

THANKS!

The input of ACE members and other DXers is vitally important to this column, and to all other ACE columns. We thank Martin Schoech (Germany), (Nick Grace (DC), Bud Stacey (Alabama), Vince Havrilko (California), and George Zeller (Ohio) for providing material. Next month we all hope to hear from YOU by December 16 for the January *Clandestine Profile*. If you already sent material in, but have not seen it yet because I was out of the country, look for it in the January issue.



Covert Comms

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The interesting saga continues about the ENIGMA machine stolen from the Bletchly Park museum on April 1st. The machine finally turned up on October 17th in the mailroom of the BBC. Apparently the machine was mailed to Jeremy Paxman, the anchor of the BBC's "Newsnight" program. It is believed that the machine had been in the BBC's mailroom for some time. Authorities believe it is the stolen Enigma machine, since it has the G312 serial number. It is unknown whether or not any ransom money was paid by the museum. It was also rumored that the person who stole the machine could have been an insider at the museum who was angry with the museum's manager.

In other news, the CIA is investigating 160 of its employees for exchanging off-color jokes and other "inappropriate" email in a secret chat room that was created in the agency's classified computer network. The chat room was discovered during routine security checks. It had been operating for a number of years.

CIA officials state that the chat room was used for unauthorized purposes, but did not involve any misuse of classified information. Senior CIA managers have a software program called "Shadow" that remotely monitor basically every keystroke made by CIA employees, so it was unlikely that any classified information would have been exchanged. Even so, the employees went to great lengths to ensure that the invitation-only chat room remained hidden from management.

It was also stated that some of the individuals involved are some of the most innovative and unconventional thinkers in the agency who know how to use computers creatively.

The 160 employees & contractors were given five days to explain their actions in writing. The investigation is likely to result in a few firings.

Last month I reported on the demise of ENIGMA, the European Numbers Information Gathering & Monitoring Association. The ENIGMA newsletter is no more, but the group ENIGMA 2000 was formed from former members of the group. ENIGMA 2000 is based around a website. The website has the same address as the old ENIGMA site, which can be reached at <http://reachus.at/enigma>. The website is still a work in progress, but seems to be coming along OK. The only problem I have with the site is that it would be better if different pages were accessed by clicking on the links rather than the use of popup windows.

The site has some neat photos of different antenna sites and audio samples of numbers stations. The first ENIGMA 2000 newsletter is also available online, through a link to Ary Boender's website. Click on the "downloads" section to find it. I'll discuss the newsletter next month.

I hope you have a happy holiday season and a happy new year.

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TO: Steven J. Rorovich

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The sole purpose of this column is to enlighten & educate ACE members about the many facets of Part 15 & micro radio- this is YOUR column! Please send stuff & what-have-you to any of the addresses above- you'll get credit or blame, whichever you prefer!

ELECTION TURKEYS AND JACKASSES: As you are, I am so tired of the crap revolving around our supposedly fair and just method of choosing our nations servants- and yes, I said that correctly. "Implied consent" belongs in emergency medicine, not after the ballot box! Needless to say, I'd like to be able to tap into ALL the communications involving this mess- even Clive Cussler couldn't write a novel with so much back-stabbing, lying and intrigue! Hopefully, by the time you read this, the LAWYERS and JUDGES will have recused themselves and allowed the count(s) to stand! Hey, I wonder where Raunchy Rick is in all this mess in Florida; I'd like to hear his take on things!

And as for you who voted: thank you for at least voting; for those of you who didn't, well, don't go around crying!

AS FOR RADIO NEWS: Of which there isn't much- the folks at the IAAIS (International Association of Audio Information Services), the kind folks who provide reading services for the blind via radio subcarrier, have joined the NAB and NPR in the quest to outlaw LPFM. Their argument is the same: that little bitty stations will infringe on their territory and further degrade their already POOR audio quality. The I-o-n-g article in the Nov. 8 issue of Radio world outlined their position; it still sounds like drivel to me. The IAAIS also accused the FCC of hiding information that would further strengthen the case against LPFM. More politically-incorrect highjinks?

On another front, CB is back under the thumbscrews of the government. The bill, H.R.2346, passed the House by voice vote Monday, Nov. 13 and "allows state & local governments to enact and enforce regulations that prohibit people from using CB radios without a FEDERAL LICENSE (my emphasis) or operating those services in excess of the permitted power levels."

Consumers, ill-educated of the crappy interference rejection of the cheap, foreign-made electronics made today, were instrumental in getting this piece of poop passed. "Representative Vernon Ehlers, R-MI, introduced the measure after hearing from a constituent who complained of interference on wireless devices", supposedly by an overpowered CB station....

Folks, I know that there are bad apples out there; those bad apples just cost others who operate "barefoot" more federal regulation to further tighten the nooses around all our necks. If you look back in fairly recent (and not-so-recent) history, the goal of any subversive government to control it's people is to restrict and then to ultimately prohibit these three things: Freedom to Communicate, Freedom to Commute and Freedom to Defend Itself. Are we on the way to a Great Fall?

And the FCC is looking into allowing license holders to sublet, or lease, "their" chunks of frequency space for more wireless communications. They want to ease restrictions so this is more readily possible. This in retrospect of the information I spoke of in last months' column....you may check www.fcc.gov for more information.

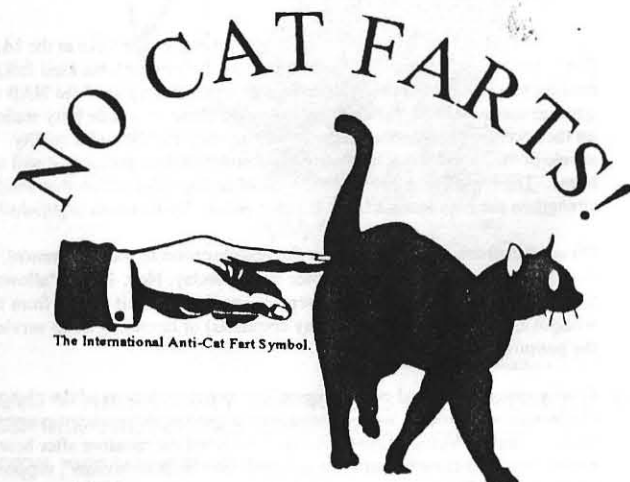
If you don't like what you read or hear regarding your hobby, PLEASE feel free to call your Congressman or Congresswoman at the last two toll-free numbers available to us: 800-648-3516 or 877-778-9100; maybe, just MAYBE you can get some DECENT legislation started and passed!!! (Source: Netscape Political News)

PERSONAL OPINIONS: Folks, I do my best to report objectively on items regarding

micro radio and radio of all types in general; sometimes I get very passionate in what I do. Be aware that I report the facts with the sources I have, but the opinions are mine alone and do not reflect the ideals of *The ACE*. I wish I had eight more hours in the day to further that passion, but along with getting older, time flies faster- true? Maybe we'll get a little wiser along the way, maybe not so crotchety or cynical, and work on getting truth and morals back into our lives. I remember when I was a kid...aw, shoot, and YOU do too!

To all you kids out there, young, old and otherwise, here's hoping your Holiday Season is warm, comfortable and cozy, and that the coming New Year find you all well and prosperous! Now, THIS old fart is going out with my politically-incorrect weapon of choice & harvest some fresh victuals like my ancestors did it!

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"Cyberspace: A consensual hallucination experienced daily by billions of legitimate operators in every nation" – William Gibson

Once again I am the bearer of bad news, and this one pains me greatly. Long-time ACE member "Grandma" Gigi Lytle, of Lubbock, TX, passed away in October. Cause of death was lung cancer, which had metastasized into her brain. I had the pleasure of meeting her at the '96 Winter SWL Fest in Kulpville and I can assure you that the vivacious redhead will be sorely missed.

Folks, you gotta stop dropping like this – I'm really sick and tired of writing obituaries!

Unfortunately, this issue is late because of the death of my own Mother on the day after Thanksgiving. Over the last 12 years we'd become good friends and I miss her very much. My situation has abruptly become very tenuous here, so we again ask for someone to volunteer to run the Club and do the publishing. It ain't that hard – if I can do it, anyone can do it! The biggest thing is managing the membership list and that can be done in a few minutes every few days. Well, yes, applying the mailing labels can be time consuming, along with attaching the stamps, but it's not a full time occupation by any means. If you know something about desktop publishing and have a couple hours a month to contribute, please contact Hdq.

We do have some good news, however! A replacement has stepped forward to fill in for the retiring Joe Filipkowski; beginning with the January issue the DiaLogs editor will be: Lee Reynolds. You can email your reports to: lreynolds@cyberportal.net or snail-mail them to him at: 53 Unity Springs Road, Lempster, NH 03605-3130. Welcome aboard, Lee. And our heartfelt thanks to Joe for Four Years of DiaLogs columns!

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